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Gentlemen:

Preparations are underway for the Readiness Review in anticipation of starting the non-intrusive field investigations in Operable Unit No. 8 (OU 8). To complete the Readiness Review, we need formal approval of the OU 8 Phase I RCRA Facility Investigation/Remedial Investigation (RFI/RI) Work Plan by the regulatory agencies.

The original project schedule called for regulatory agency approval of the Phase I RFI/RI Work Plan on March 31, 1993 and this approval has yet to be received.

The technical comments on the December 1992 Final Phase I RFI/RI Work Plan have been received and addressed. One of the issues that both agencies had concerns with was the application of the residential use scenario to the development of the risk assessments. This is not a work plan issue because the Environmental Protection Agency stated in their letter of January 14, 1994 that "The OU 8 RFI/RI Report will not be approved if the residential use scenario is omitted..." Therefore, the work plan should not be disapproved based on this issue. Another concern was the integration of the OU 8 RFI/RI with the Industrial Area Interim Measure/Interim Remedial Action (IM/IRA). This integration is currently an ongoing process. For example, OU 8 data on footing drains has been included in the Industrial Area IM/IRA.

Current estimates anticipate start of the OU 8 Field Work in late August 1994, making receipt of this approval a time-critical task. If we are not able to complete the Readiness Review, we will not start the field work, resulting in at least a day-for-day slip in the project schedule. The Department of Energy wishes to proceed with this project, however, in order for field activities to proceed, formal regulatory approval is requested.

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